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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND**

ATHLETICS TRAINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, First floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: October 25, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Schmitt, Chairperson, Professional Member Julie Knowles, Secretary, Professional Member Christopher Kay, Professional Member Amy Blansfield, Professional Member Jeffrey Schneider, Professional Member Tyler Luff, Public Member Waheedah Shabazz, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

W. Wayne Woodzell, Vice-Chairperson, Professional Member Denise Smith, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Ms. Shabazz was welcomed to the Board.

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REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 23, 2011 meeting. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Proposed Revisions to the Rules and Regulations

Ms. Heeney reported that the proposed revisions to the rules and regulations did not get published in the September, 2011 issue of the Delaware Register of Regulations. She will have them published in the November issue and the Public Hearing will be held at the December 6, 2011 meeting.

Discussion: Proposed Revisions to the Statute

Ms. Knowles advised that she has three things for consideration: her email regarding definitions; the law currently allows a parent to give authority to a lay person to give glucagon to a diabetic student, could an athletic trainer be considered that lay person; and a physical therapy office allowing unlicensed people to practice. A discussion was held. Ms. Heeney will look at the statutes from New York and New Jersey. Ms. Melvin will forward to Board members the email regarding definitions from Ms. Knowles and the definitions from other states from Ms. Heeney. Board members should review the statute for any proposed changes that may need to be made. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Review of Application by Examination

The Board reviewed the application of Radhika Mehta for licensure as a physical therapist by examination. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Ms. Mehta's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Application by Examination

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to ratify licensure by examination for the following persons:

Charlesetta Morris (PT)
Jessica Oliver (PTA)
Emily Darone (AT)
Eugene Del Pilar (PT)
Anna Elaine Consolacion (PT)
Jessica Placek (PT)
Eric Kanse (PTA)
Katie Begier (PT)
Sarah Tice (PT)
Alyson Adams (PT)
Paul Cunningham (PT)
Lindsay Stirk (PT)
Robin Razawich (PT)

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Melissa Brown (PTA)
William Bennett (PTA)
Nyssa Ganakis (PTA)
Amie Joseph (PTA)
Sherwin Joel Ocampo (PT)
Stephanie Segulin (AT)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratify PT/PTA/AT Applications by Reciprocity

Ms. Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kay, to ratify licensure by reciprocity for the following persons:

Ryan Sley (AT)
Michelle Friedman (PT)
Catherine Pantalino (PT)
Theresa Fernandez (PT)
Douglas Green (PT)
Kylie White (AT)
Morgan Lushis (PTA)
Mary Gerlich (PT)
Sara Fleming (PT)
Christine Yurcik-Dominick (PT)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Applications by Examination

The Board reviewed the application of Ken Lagman for licensure as a physical therapist by examination. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve Mr. Lagman's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Jerico Golez for licensure as a physical therapist by examination. Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Knowles, to propose to deny Mr. Golez's application because he does not meet the education requirements. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Neeraj Vithalani for licensure as a physical therapist by examination. Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Knowles, to propose to deny Mr. Vithalani's application because he does not meet the education requirements. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application of Lisa D'Arcy for licensure as a physical therapist by reciprocity. Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve Ms. D'Arcy's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Review of Application for Reinstatement

Ms. Knowles made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to approve the following application for reinstatement:

Alyson Cavanaugh (PT)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Courses

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Report from Mr. Woodzell on the 2011 FSBPT Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Status of Complaint

Complaint No. 14-05-11 – Assigned to Mr. Kay

<u>Discussion: Memorandum from James Collins Regarding Legislation for the 146th General Assembly, 2nd Legislative Session</u>

The Board reviewed the memorandum from Mr. Collins regarding proposed legislation for the 146th General Assembly, 2nd Legislative Session. The Board will continue the discussion on proposed legislation at the next meeting.

<u>Discussion:</u> Fix Exam Dates for Physical Therapist Assistants – Ms. Schmitt

Ms. Schmitt reported that FSBPT will begin fixed date testing for physical therapist assistants in 2012. She had received concerns from Delaware Technical and Community College and University of Delaware about their students being able to test once they have met the requirements for graduation but a final degree is not yet available. The Board office will accept a letter from the college stating that the students have completed the graduation requirements and the expected date of graduation. A permanent license will not be issued until the Board office receives the official transcript.

Ms. Schmitt also reported on a new dual degree that the University of Delaware will be offering. After hearing questions from Board members, she will obtain more information.

Ruby Galope: Review of Request for an Extension of her Temporary Permit

The Board reviewed the letter from Ruby Galope requesting an extension of her temporary permit. Ms. Galope's temporary permit will be extended as allowed under the statute and rules and regulations.

<u>Change November Board Meeting Date</u>

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Board decided to change the November 22, 2011 meeting to December 6, 2011.

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Review of Information from Audit Licensees

Board members reviewed the information received from licensees who were selected for audit. There are three licensees who are deficient in the continuing education requirements and will be forwarded to the chief hearing officer to be scheduled for rule to show cause hearings.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

The Board requested that Ms. Melvin follow up with Mr. Collins regarding when the Division will start charging for the continuing education requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Kay made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blansfield, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III